

OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY - 07

MISSION

The State's Attorney's Office ensures the fair administration of justice in accordance with the criminal laws of Prince George's County and the Constitution of the State of Maryland. It provides needed services to victims of crime, expeditious prosecution of criminal offenders and partners with the community, Local and Federal agencies to prevent and reduce crime in Prince George's County.

CORE SERVICES:

- Conduct criminal investigations and prosecutions of all persons charged with violating the State, County, and Local criminal, motor vehicle laws and ordinances within Prince George's County.
- Assist victims and witnesses as they participate in the criminal justice system by explaining legal terms and procedures to those who are unfamiliar with the criminal justice system.
- Promote intervention, prevention, educational and re-entry programs that can help reduce crime.
- Provide legal advice to law enforcement agencies and work with these agencies to provide training and share information.
- Handle limited civil matters, such as forfeitures of motor vehicles in drug cases and post-convictions/collateral review proceedings.

FY 2007 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Established 'Pre-indictment Reviews' of cases in an effort to maximize homicide and violent crime prosecutions.
- Expanded the Gun Unit to identify those defendants who are eligible for prosecution in Federal courts, which have stringent standards for the acceptance of cases.
- Expanded the Community Prosecution Project to join forces with law enforcement in the District of Columbia to combat crime in communities that border the District.
- Expanded the Economic Crimes Unit with an additional experienced investigator who testifies about the complex schemes used by criminals.

FY 2008 FISCAL & STAFFING OVERVIEW:

The FY 2008 approved budget for the State's Attorney's Office is \$13.5 million, an increase of \$177,700 or 1.3% from the FY 2007 approved budget.

GENERAL FUNDS:

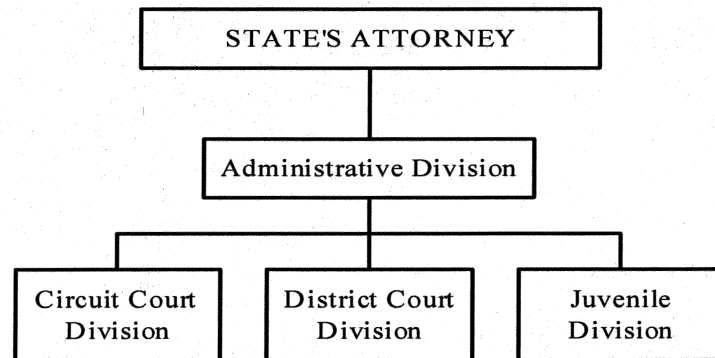
The FY 2008 approved General Fund budget of \$12.9 million represents an increase of \$458,400 or 3.7% from the FY 2007 approved budget. Major highlights for the FY 2008 proposed budget include:

- Cost of living adjustments (COLA) and merit increases for eligible employees.
- Two new attorneys assigned to the Homicide and Violent Crimes Unit.
- One new Law Clerk assigned to the Violent Crimes Unit.

GRANTS:

The FY 2008 approved Grant budget includes estimated Grant revenue of \$568,100, which is a decrease of \$280,700 or 33.1% from the FY 2007 approved budget. The decrease in grant funding is driven by the entire funding amounts for multi-year awards being recorded in FY 2007. Highlights in the FY 2008 Grant budget include:

- Newly awarded PSN – Anti Gang Initiative Award.
- Increased funding for the Stop the Violence Against Women Program.
- Continuation of the Vehicle Theft Prevention Grant.
- Increased funding in the Gun Reduction Using Community Prosecution – Cease Fire Award.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART:

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT:

GOAL – To provide accurate case evaluation that best determines the most appropriate course of action.

Objective 1.1 – By FY 2010, screen 100% of civilian and generated cases within 48 hours of receipt.

MEASURES

Objective Number	Measure Name	Measure Category	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Estimated	FY 2008 Projected
1.1	Total Civilian Generated Complaints	Input	3,337	3,312	3,811	4,188	4,192
1.1	Total Screening Interviews Conducted	Output	2,339	936	2,746	2,628	3,020
1.1	Total Screened Cases <i>nolle prossed</i>	Output	635	2,040	496	1,260	545
1.1	Total Screened Cases Entered in Diversion Program	Output	783	828	497	852	546
1.1	Forwarded to Trial	Output	921	444	1,682	1,752	1,850
1.1	Forwarded to Other Divisions/Units	Output	0	60	171	192	188
1.1	Total Cases Failed to Appear	Input	998	708	979	1,260	1,174

GOAL – Increase the number of victims contacted during the initial crises, encourage prosecution, and discourage intimidation tactics used by abusers.

Objective 2.1 – By FY 2010, the Domestic Violence Unit will maintain or exceed a 90% initial contact rate for citizen-generated complaints/victims of domestic violence.

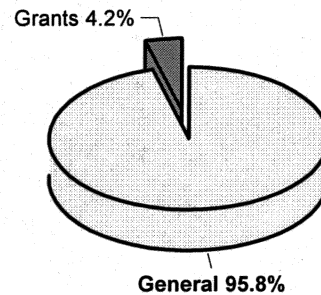
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2.1	Charging Documents Logged	Output	2,282	2,955	3,487	3,700	4,000
2.1	Interviews Scheduled	Output	715	854	850	1,020	1,200
2.1	Contact Letters Mailed	Output	1,160	1,945	2,125	2,405	2,800
2.1	Telephone Inquires & Assistance	Output	1,218	1,536	1,855	2,035	2,400

	FY2006 ACTUAL	FY2007 BUDGET	FY2007 ESTIMATED	FY2008 APPROVED	CHANGE FY07-FY08
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 11,966,803	\$ 13,328,600	\$ 13,142,200	\$ 13,506,300	1.3%
EXPENDITURE DETAIL					
Office Of The State's Attorney	11,742,291	12,479,800	12,400,300	12,938,200	3.7%
Grants	290,098	848,800	741,900	568,100	-33.1%
Recoveries	(65,586)	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL	\$ 11,966,803	\$ 13,328,600	\$ 13,142,200	\$ 13,506,300	1.3%
SOURCES OF FUNDS					
General Fund	\$ 11,676,705	\$ 12,479,800	\$ 12,400,300	\$ 12,938,200	3.7%
Other County Operating Funds:					
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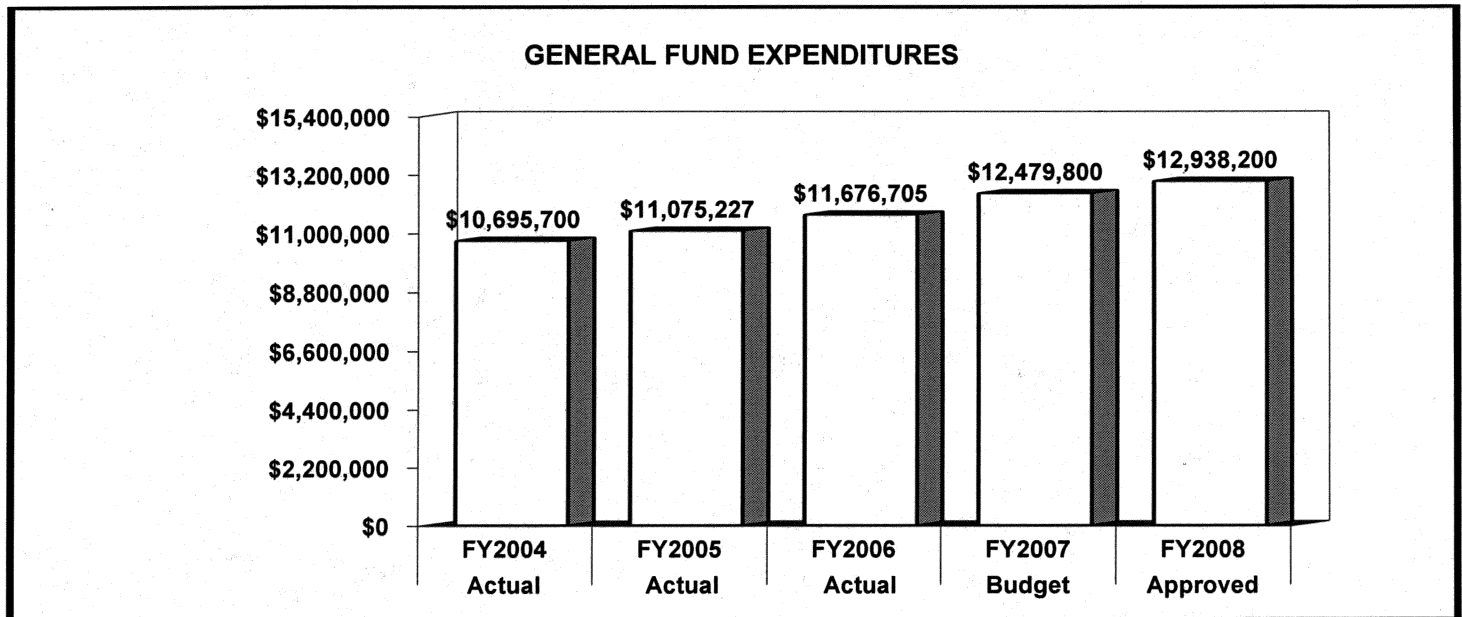
FY2008 SOURCES OF FUNDS

The agency is supported by two funding sources: The General Fund and Grant funds. Major grant programs include Stop the Violence against Women and Vehicle Theft Prevention.

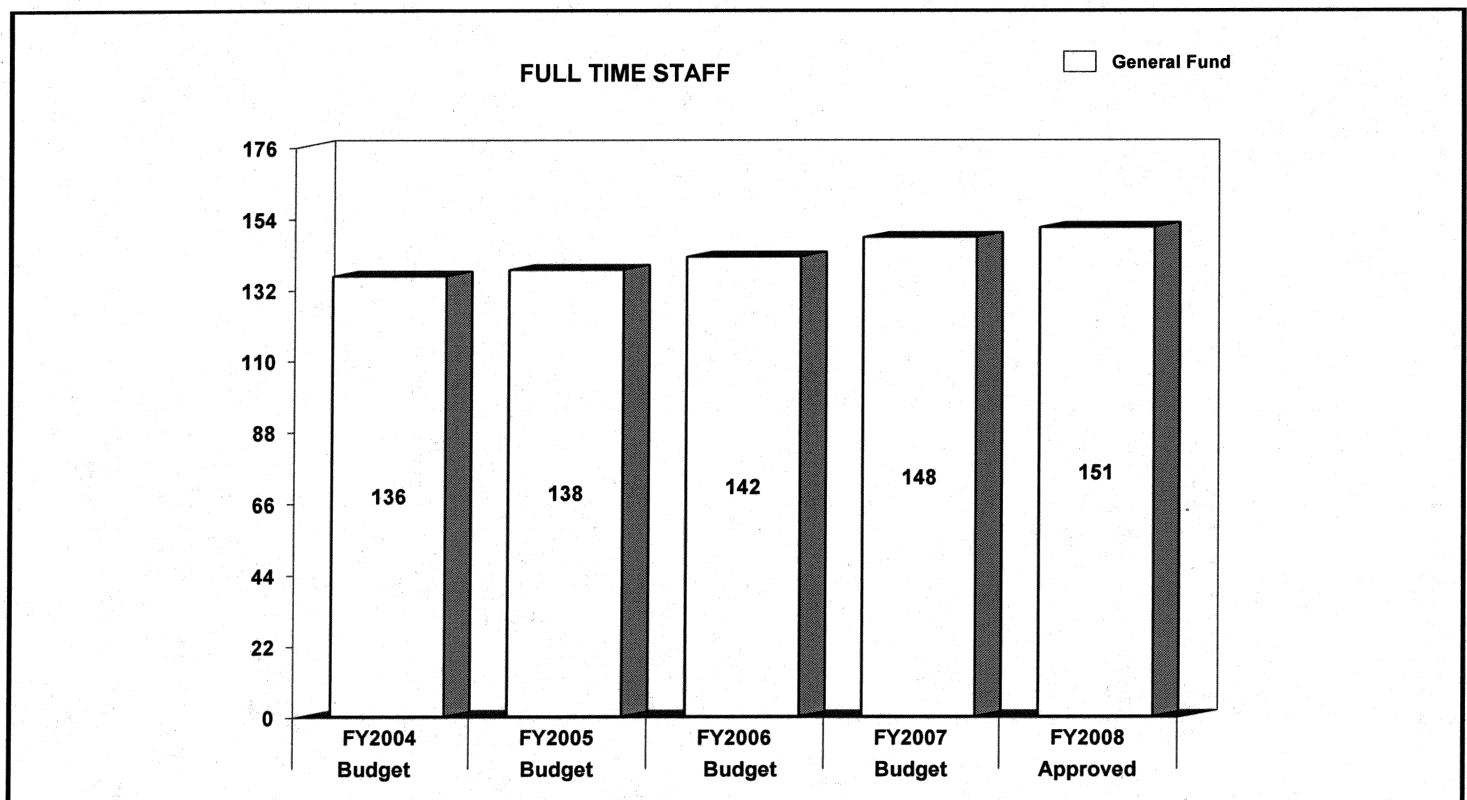


	FY2006 BUDGET	FY2007 BUDGET	FY2008 APPROVED	CHANGE FY07-FY08
GENERAL FUND STAFF				
Full Time - Civilian	142	148	151	3
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Part Time	2	2	2	0
Limited Term	0	0	0	0
OTHER STAFF				
Full Time - Civilian	0	0	0	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Part Time	0	0	0	0
Limited Term Grant Funded	12	11	14	3
TOTAL				
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POSITIONS BY CATEGORY	FULL TIME	PART TIME	LIMITED TERM
State's Attorney	1	0	0
Deputy State's Attorneys	2	0	0
Attorneys	75	0	9
Law Clerks and Investigators	31	2	5
Professional Support	4	0	0
Administrative Support	38	0	0
TOTAL	151	2	14



The agency's General Fund expenditures increased by 9.2% from FY 2004 to FY 2006. This increase is driven by cost of living and merit adjustments, as well as additional staff. The FY 2008 approved budget will increase by 3.7% over the FY 2007 budget.



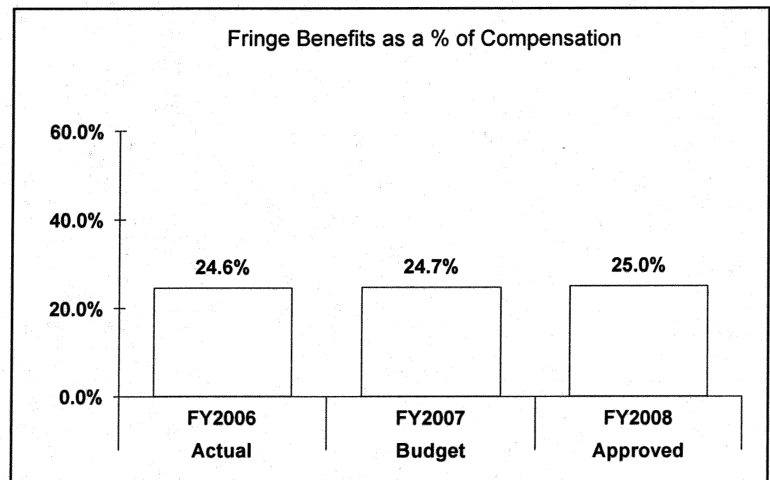
The agency's staffing complement increased by 12 positions from FY 2004 to FY 2007. This increase was due to the creation of 8 Attorneys and 4 Law Clerks. FY 2008 staffing will increase by 2 Attorneys and 1 Law Clerk.

	FY2006 ACTUAL	FY2007 BUDGET	FY2007 ESTIMATED	FY2008 APPROVED	CHANGE FY07-FY08
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY					
Compensation	\$ 8,193,232	\$ 8,854,500	\$ 8,614,300	\$ 9,159,000	3.4%
Fringe Benefits	2,014,299	2,190,800	2,278,100	2,291,700	4.6%
Operating Expenses	1,534,760	1,434,500	1,507,900	1,487,500	3.7%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0%
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STAFF					
Full Time - Civilian	-	148	-	151	2%
Full Time - Sworn	-	0	-	0	0%
Part Time	-	2	-	2	0%
Limited Term	-	0	-	0	0%

In FY 2008, compensation increases by 3.4% over the FY 2007 budget due to cost of living and merit adjustments, as well as new staff. Compensation costs include funding 151 full-time and 2 part-time positions. Fringe benefit expenditures increase by 4.6% due to an increase in benefit costs and new positions.

Operating expenditures increase by 3.7% over the FY 2007 budget. This is primarily due to the increased costs of the Witness Protection Program.

MAJOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	
FY2008	
Office Automation	\$ 652,500
Telephones	\$ 145,000
Travel-Non-Training	\$ 127,000
Operating and Office Supplies	\$ 116,000
General and Administrative	\$ 88,600
Contracts	



	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 BUDGET	FY 2007 ESTIMATE	FY 2008 APPROVED	\$ CHANGE FY07 - FY08	% CHANGE FY07 - FY08
Administrative Division						
Community Prosecution Outreach (BYRNE)	\$ -	\$ 57,200	\$ 51,200	\$ 56,700	\$ (500)	-0.9%
DV-Victim Witness Advocate Coordination (MVOC)	-	35,000	35,000	26,000	(9,000)	-25.7%
Firearms Reduction Education Grant	-	-	59,200	-	-	0.0%
Gun Reduction Using Community Prosecution-Cease	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fire Council	-	89,200	89,200	95,400	6,200	7.0%
PSN-Anti Gang Initiative	-	-	-	100,000	100,000	0.0%
Prisoner Re-Entry Program	-	-	123,000	-	-	0.0%
Stop the Violence Against Women Program	88,300	95,600	95,600	105,000	9,400	9.8%
Technology Grant	-	-	65,800	-	-	0.0%
Teen Court C-Safe	37,108	37,100	32,900	35,000	(2,100)	-5.7%
Vehicle Theft Prevention Program	125,000	150,000	125,000	150,000	-	0.0%
Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA)	39,690	384,700	65,000	-	(384,700)	-100.0%
Sub-Total	\$ 290,098	\$ 848,800	\$ 741,900	\$ 568,100	\$ (280,700)	-33.1%
Total Transfer from General Fund (County Contribution/Cash Match)	\$ 14,100	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 28,000	\$ (7,000)	-20.0%
Total Grant Expenditures	\$ 304,198	\$ 883,800	\$ 776,900	\$ 596,100	\$ (287,700)	-32.6%

Grant funding for FY 2008 is \$596,100. Major grant initiatives include the Vehicular Theft Prevention Program which was established to track the number of auto theft cases in the County from arrest through prosecution. It also provides for community awareness and educational services in an attempt to reduce vehicle thefts.

The Stop the Violence Against Women Program provides assistance to victims of domestic violence by initiating outreach, counseling and support services to victims, and assistance in navigating through the legal process.

New grant awards for FY 2008 include the PSN-Anti Gang Initiative, which seeks to reduce gang violence among teens in Prince George's County.

Note: The Fire Arms Reduction, Prisoner Re-Entry, Technology and Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA) grants are multi-year awards. The entire funding amounts for these awards were recorded in FY 2007.

Staff Summary By Division & Grant Program	FY 2007			FY 2008		
	FT	PT	LTGF	FT	PT	LTGF
ADMINISTRATIVE						
Community Prosecution	0	0	1	0	0	1
DV-Victims Witness Adv.	0	0	1	0	0	1
Firearms Reduction	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gun Reduction Cease Fire	0	0	1	0	0	1
Stop the Violence	0	0	2	0	0	2
Teen C-Safe	0	0	1	0	0	1
PSN-Anti gang initiative	0	0	0	0	0	1
Prisoner Re-Entry Program	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vehicle Theft Prevention	0	0	3	0	0	4
Victims of Crime Asst(VOCA)	0	0	2	0	0	2
TOTAL	0	0	11	0	0	14

In FY 2008, the agency's grant staffing will increase by 3 positions.

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COMMUNITY PROSECUTION OUTREACH (BYRNE) -- \$56,700

This grant provides a prosecutor within the felon trial unit to work cases in the inner beltway communities of Suitland, Capitol Heights, Fairmont Heights, District Heights and Seat Pleasant.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (DV)-VICTIMS WITNESS ADVOCATE COORDINATION (MVOC) -- \$26,000

This grant supports the agency's effort in contacting domestic violence victims once charges have been filed and in assisting with the preparation and processing of the case.

GUN REDUCTION USING COMMUNITY PROSECUTION (CEASE FIRE)-- \$95,400

This grant supports the agency's effort to reduce gun violence in the county by developing strategies, preventive measures and prosecuting offenders.

PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD (PSN)- ANTI GANG INITIATIVE -- \$100,000

This grant supports the agency's effort of reducing gang violence through coordinated programs and initiatives that provide juveniles with the tools to be successful.

STOP THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN -- \$105,000

This grant supports the agency's effort to increase the number of victims contacted during the initial crisis and encourage victims to participate in follow up interviews to ensure the successful prosecution of violent domestic offenders..

TEEN COURT C-SAFE -- \$35,000

This grant supports students learning about the criminal justice system. Students interact with judges, prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys and adult volunteers. This experience encourages students interested in careers in the criminal justice system.

VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM -- \$150,000

This grant supports the agency's effort to focus on auto theft cases and devote resources to them from the initial apprehension of suspects by police, through pre-trial preparation, victim contact and screening cases for the Circuit Court, to trial and sentencing.